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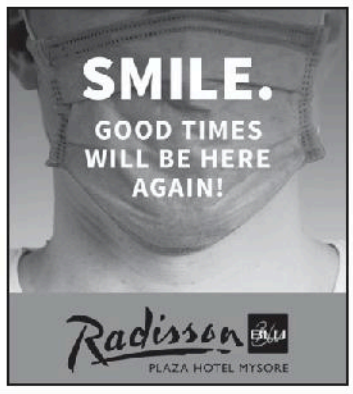


Weekend COVID Curfew

Barricades Back

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (RK,MTY,PM &BCT)- The first weekend curfew kick-started last night with Police putting up barricades across the city and stopping non-essential movement till 6 am on Monday after which semi-lockdown will be in force. City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has warned people to stay off the roads unless it was very essential.

As a continued part of weekend curfew today, roads wore a deserted look and the city came to a grinding halt. Even during the four-hour window — from 6 am to 10 pm — granted for people to purchase essential items, there were hardly any people in the prime markets. As most of them had finished shopping last evening and had stocked up essentials, only a handful of shoppers were seen in the markets.

City Police questioning motorists who were found moving around in city centre this morning.

As there was enough prior information regarding the weekend curfew and restrictions in the night, people were well prepared and the result is that the city paused movement and activities and the situation resembled March-April 2020 lockdown. People voluntarily stayed at homes instead of allowing the Police to take tough action against them if they come onto the streets. Online delivery of essential items was permitted.

Grocery stores and those selling food items remained open only from a 6 am to 10 am. Petrol bunks, pharmacies, hospitals, clinics and transport were open all through the day, while restaurants were providing only takeaways. Here too, most of the hotels reported a drastic cut of 70 percent in parcel services. After 10 am, even the transport facilities including KSRTC buses went off the roads as there were no people. Before 10 am, the KSRTC — both City and Mofussil — sent over 50 buses in batches depending on the number of passengers.

(See BARRICADES on page 7)

Shraddhanjali

We regret to inform
the sad demise of

M. L. SOMASHEKHAR

Former Corporator, Metagalli
and Proprietor,
Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Cranes

on 22.4.2021 (Thursday)

MAY YOUR SOUL
REST IN PEACE

In profound grief:
Family members and friends

Birth: 20.01.1972 Death: 22.04.2021

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 24th April 2021

AIISH gets World Hearing Forum Membership

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (MK&DM)- Adding one more feather to its cap, the city's All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) has earned the recognition of World Health Organisation (WHO).

Dr. Pushpavathi

AIISH has bagged the Certificate of Membership of World Hearing Forum coming under WHO. With this honour, AIISH has joined the list of a very few Indian Institutions which have earned this prestigious membership. The duration of the membership is two years.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, AIISH Director Dr. M. Pushpavathi said that this is a great honour and moment of pride for the Institute. Noting that this honour is a lot of inspiration for the Institute to grow big further, she said that she had taken part in a WHO Meet held at Geneva in Switzerland in 2019, during which she had made a presentation on the functioning and activities of the Institute.

Upon returning to India, she applied for membership, which application has been honoured by the WHO, Dr. Pushpavathi said and added that the recognition will help AIISH to interact and exchange information with globally renowned Institutions on issues concerning hearing impairment and speech disorders.

Asserting that AIISH got the recognition as it met the standards set by WHO, she said AIISH's activities for eradication of hearing impairment, better facilities and maintenance of transparency in financial spending, all came into count for the prestigious WHO membership.

She said the WHO has also issued a Certificate to AIISH for conducting various activities spread over 45 days during World Hearing Day celebrations.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

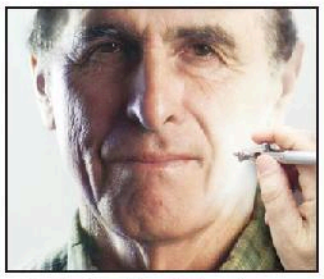
With the surge in COVID-19 across the country, there are reports, yet again, of migrant workers being left with little choice but to go back to their villages. But within this, the gender dimension has been largely overlooked. In the process of migration driven by COVID, the impact of migration on women is different from that on men.

The Government's draft National Policy on Migrant Workers has largely overlooked the specific needs and concerns of migrant women. Now would be a good time to incorporate a rights-based approach in the policy with relation to migrant women. Women migrants and their vulnerabilities can be tackled only if the Government addresses the structural and other challenges which cause them to be so invisible. It has to focus on women in the informal sector, especially migrant women, in its upgradation and skills programmes. The surge in COVID cases should occasion a rethink on the issue of women migrant workers and their needs, which can then be institutionalised so that they are less vulnerable during the pandemic and after.

— Lalita Panicker in Hindustan Times

NEWS SPARKLERS

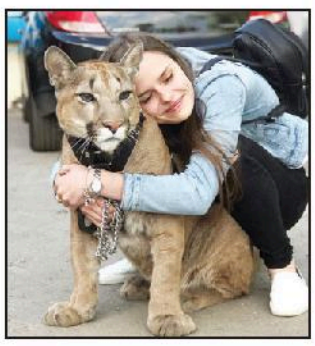
Realistic air-brushed portraits of Dru Blair



South Carolina: When it comes to hyperrealistic airbrushed portraits, you'll have a tough time finding better works than those of South Carolina artist Dru Blair. His amazing paintings are virtually indistinguishable from photos.

Dru Blair first picked up the airbrush while working on his Master's degree at the University of South Carolina, and spent several summers after that painting T-shirts in Myrtle Beach. Later, he worked as a freelance illustrator for several ad agencies and painted many novel covers, before developing an interest in techniques like photorealism, trompe l'oeil illusionism, faux finishing, and color theory. Today, he creates some of the most realistic airbrush portraits and teaches the secrets of the trade to other interested artists at his art school, aptly named School of Realism.

Couple share their home with mountain lion



Penza: For the past three years, young couple from Penza in Russia, Aleksandr and Maria Dmitriev, have been sharing their home with a fully grown mountain lion.

Though cats are in the top two most common pets worldwide, the cat Aleksandr and Maria Dmitriev live with in their small one-bedroom apartment is a little different. Messi is a 3-year-old cougar, the 2nd-largest feline in America, after the Jaguar. In the wild, it is considered an apex predator, but Messi was born in a zoo and has spent most of his life as a house cat, so he basically behaves like an overgrown cat, for now. The Dmitriev's are aware that Messi is a predator that will, at some point, test their strength to establish who is in charge of the house, but they have taken steps to keep his wild side in check.

HEALTH CAPSULE

TREATMENT of MELASMA

Melasma is a stubborn condition & requires multiplesessions of treatment. Often two or more treatment are combined to give better results. Sun Screens form the most essential part of treatment of Melasma. A variety of Deigment agents aid in the treatment omelasm in addition Chemical peels and lasers may also help Melasma

Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant Dermatologist & Cosmetologist

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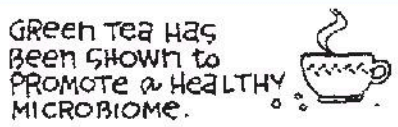

Green tea possesses several compounds that combat the five processes contributing to degenerative disease: Oxidative stress, sugar-induced damage (glycation), inflammation, mitochondrial dysfunction and assaults to intestinal microbiome.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.22	APR.23
Day's Positive Cases	818	645
Total Positive Cases	64,811	65,456
Day's Discharges	439	602
Total Discharges	58,687	59,289
Day's Deaths	3	4
Total Deaths	1,136	1,140
Total Active Cases	4,988	5,027

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Mahaveer Jayanthi to be celebrated symbolically tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 24- Due to Statewide weekend lockdown, the city's Sri Digambar Jain Samaj will celebrate Mahaveer Jayanthi in a simple and symbolic manner at Mahaveer Circle (Big Clock Tower) in the heart of the city at 8.30 am tomorrow (Apr.25). Only four people will take part in the celebrations due to prohibitory orders in place, according to a press release. For details, call Mob: 94480-49136 or 94484-02002.

Felicitation volume release programme cancelled

Mysuru, Apr. 24- Owing to COVID-19 driven weekend lockdown, the Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat has cancelled the programme organised for the release of writer Dr. D.S. Jayappa Gowda's felicitation volume titled 'Jayasiri' which was scheduled to take place at Babbur Kamme Sangha Auditorium in Saraswathipuram at 5 pm today (Apr.24). For details, call Mob: 88925-80150, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- ***Squirrels can find food buried beneath a foot of snow. A squirrel's front teeth never stops growing. Squirrels may lose 25 percent of their buried food to thieves. They zigzag to escape predators. Squirrels may pretend to bury a nut to throw off potential thieves. A newborn squirrel is about an inch long.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Chintu to Nurse: *Sister, please give me a bottle of blood.*
Nurse: *Tell me the blood group.*
Chintu: *Any group will do.*
Nurse: *But how?*
Chintu: *I have to write a love letter to girlfriend !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.22
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 104.40
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.48
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.99

VOICE OF THE READER

COVID vaccination

Provide separate counter for those registered online

Sir,

I had registered for the first dose of COVID vaccination through the online portal for 1.4.2021 and selected District Hospital, Metagalli, Mysuru. I went to the Hospital at around 9.30 am on the designated day and there were around 100 people already to get vaccinated.

Medical Officials and staff were very cordial, my details were verified and I was given vaccination at around 11.30 am.

But my concern is though I had registered online, there was no separate counter for those who registered online and I had to stand in the long queue. If this is the case, what is the use of registering online?

I request the authorities concerned to make a separate counter for online registered or at least make a separate queue for them, as otherwise the purpose of the facility provided to register online is not served.

— K.N. Srinivas Sharma
on e-mail

Mysuru
22.4.2021

Vaccination for CFTRI staff begins

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (SSV)- Following a request from Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), a vaccination booth has been set up at the Institute's Health Centre to vaccinate the employees above 45 years of age.

The Centre was opened by MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag yesterday.

The vaccines were supplied by the Government Health Department and the CFTRI Health Centre staff are vaccinating the beneficiaries. Since it was the premier Central Government agency, the District Health Department had agreed to supply the vaccines to them, said Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and Nodal Officer for COVID-19 vaccination in Government Hospitals.

COVID Care Centre at Beedi Workers Hospital from Apr. 26

Mysuru, Apr.24 (SBD&DM)- The Beedi Workers Hospital at Shanthinagar, N.R. Constituency, will also function as a COVID Care Centre (CCC) from Apr. 26.

N.R. MLA Tanveer Sait, who had stressed on urgent need for setting up a COVID Care Centre in the Assembly segment at a recent meeting attended by District Minister S.T. Somashekar and Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar, visited the Beedi Workers Hospital along with MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag and other officials on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, Tanveer Sait said that the 200-bed Hospital will also function as a CCC from Apr.26. Noting that N.R. Constituency has a large number of labourers and poor, he said that all these sections of society are living in small spaces, where it is difficult for the infected to undergo home isolation. As such, the CCC at the Hospital will largely help them to get care and treatment, he said.

Pointing out that last year the CCC was set up at Farooquia College, Sait said this year it could not be done as exams are going on. As such, he had urged the district administration to set up CCC at Beedi Workers Hospital three months ago. Now, following directions from the District and Health Ministers, the MCC has taken measures for setting up the CCC, which will start functioning from Apr.26.

While the MCC will provide necessary infrastructure, the district administration will provide staff and the Health Department will take care of medicines and other pharmaceutical requirements, he said and added that the Centre will have 50 oxygenated beds. He further said that the Centre will also function as a COVID testing centre as well as vaccination centre.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag said that Mysuru has been reporting nearly 800 COVID-19 positive cases on an average every day and the situation is far more serious when compared to last year.

Asserting that the district administration is taking all necessary measures to control the spread of the virus, she said that following the demand by N.R. MLA and other people's representatives of the area, the Beedi Workers Hospital at Shanthinagar will start functioning as a COVID Care Centre.

MCC and Health Department officials were present.

Free oxygen supply for COVID patients

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (RK&BCT)- United Vision Welfare and Charitable Trust and MESCO have come forward to supply free oxygen to COVID patients with severe respiratory infection.

The unit was inaugurated by progressive thinker Prof. Shabbir Mustafa, Secretary, MESCO Association at Subashnagar in city yesterday. The initiative has been termed "United Oxygen Services" and it has a hotline number. The service will be 24X7 and cylinders will be supplied free of cost. Along with the oxygen cylinders, the equipment to release oxygen to the nostrils of the patients will be supplied and patient attendees would be informed about the procedure.

The Trust would be supplying free oxygen cylinder till the patient recovers and urged those in need of oxygen cylinders to call the Hotline No.: 79759-89229 or Mob: 95358-31973, 88672-43937, 98453-19775 or 99729-69147. An amount of Rs. 5,000 should be deposited first as surety, which would be completely refunded.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Yuvaraja's Alumni Assn. AGM on May 8

The Annual General Body meeting (AGM) of Yuvaraja's College Mysore Alumni Association will take place at Sri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar auditorium in the college premises at 11.30 am on May. 8. The agenda includes approval of proceedings of previous General Body Meetings, consideration of Audit Report and audited annual accounts for the year ended on Mar. 31, 2021, to pass the budget proposals for the coming year and re-appointment of auditors, among others.

Application invited

Applications have been invited for granting subsidy under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. Last date to apply is May 15. For details, contact Office of Assistant Director (Fisheries), Mysuru - Mob: 94808-23023; Nanjangud- 97313-57199; T. Narasipur- 94482-73093; Hunsur - 94485-02697; Periyapatna -78290-28415; H.D. Kote- 94485-02697 & K.R. Nagar- 78290-28415.

Ph.D awardees

The University of Mysore has awarded Ph.D in Foreign Languages to S. Shalini for her thesis 'Youths in the Weltanschauungs of Charles Dickens and F.M. Dostoevsky' submitted under the guidance of Dr. T.K. Gajanan.

Visvevaraya Technological University, Belagavi has awarded Ph.D in Computer and Information Sciences to S. Siddesha for his thesis 'Machine Vision in Precision Agriculture: Some Approaches for Crop Management.' [Guide: Dr. S.K. Niranjan].

WATER LEVEL

KABINI DAM

Maximum	2,284.00	feet
Yesterday	2260.98	feet
Inflow	295	cusecs
Outflow	725	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	2,859.00	feet
Today	2,819.42	feet
Inflow	192	cusecs
Outflow	100	cusecs

Three arrested for setting fire to forest in Bandipur

Gundlupet, Apr. 24 (SOMG& KS)-The Forest Department officials have arrested three persons on charges of setting fire to Maddur Forest in Bandipur Project Tiger recently.

The arrested are 48-year-old Cheluva of Lakshmipura Colony, 38-year-old Ganesh of Kerala and a minor boy. Steps have been taken to arrest six more persons involved in the crime, said Bandipur Project Tiger Director Natesha in a press release.

The accused were also involved in forest crimes in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, it is learnt. Accused Cheluva, was involved in timber smuggling earlier and in a bid to take revenge on the Forest Department, he had brought four persons from Kerala and five persons from Lakshmipura and had set fire simultaneously in four spots at Moolehole Forest Range on Mar. 31 before fleeing from the spot. During interrogation, the Forest officials came to know that prime accused Cheluva was involved in timber smuggling at Maddur Forest Range.

Maddur Range Forest Officer (RFO) B. Sudhakar, Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs) L. Nagaraju, Swamy and Ramalingappa, Guards Naveen and Devappa, Forest Watchers Rajappa, Nagesh, Pradeep, Siddalinga and Krishnaswamy, drivers Jeevan and Prashanth took part in the operation.

Cases have been booked against the accused under Sections 09, 27, 29, 30, 35/6, 50 and 51 of the Wildlife Protection Act-1972 and have been remanded to judicial custody.

Sexual harassment on boys at Balamandira

Youth sentenced to ten years imprisonment

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (KS)- The city's Special POCSO Court has sentenced a 19-year-old boy to 10 years imprisonment besides imposing a fine of Rs. 11,000 for sexually assaulting three boys at the Government Boys Balamandira in Vijayanagar 4th Stage.

The accused youth is Darshan, also an inmate of the Balamandira. On May 23, 2019, Darshan had sexually assaulted three boys aged 10, 11 and 14 years and had also threatened to kill them if they reveal the incident to others.

But when the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) had come for an inspection, the boys had revealed the ordeal they had underwent following which the CDPO lodged a complaint at Vijayanagar Police Station. Vijayanagar Sub-Inspector S.D. Sureshkumar, who had registered a case, conducted an investigation and had submitted a charge-sheet to the Court.

Judge B.S. Jayashree, who heard the arguments from both sides, found the accused guilty of committing the crime and sentenced him. The Judge has also ordered the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) to provide compensation of Rs. 3 lakh each to the three boys. Special Public Prosecutor M.S. Manjula argued on behalf of the Government.

Man arrested for stabbing lover

Ramesh

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (RK&KS)- A man, who was fleeing after allegedly stabbing his lover was caught by the public and handed over to the Police, who have arrested the man. The incident took place at a park on Sri Harsha Road on Wednesday evening.

The accused has been identified as Ramesh, a resident of Antharasanthe village in H.D. Kote taluk. The injured girl has been admitted to K.R. Hospital.

Ramesh is said to have been in love with the girl, who is working at a shopping mall in city and on Wednesday evening, he along with the girl were sitting and chatting at a park on Sri Harsha Road in Lashkar Police limits during which an argument broke out between them.

Ramesh, who objected to some messages coming to the girl's phone, took out a knife suddenly, allegedly struck on her face and tried to flee from the spot. But members of the public caught him and handed him over to the Police.

Lashkar Inspector Suresh, who has booked a case of assault and attempt to murder, arrested the accused and produced him before a Court, which remanded the accused to judicial custody.

Man run over by train

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (KS) -Mysuru Railway Police have found a body of an unidentified man, who was run over by a train between Holenarasipur and Mavinakere Railway Stations. The Railway Cops, who have registered a case have shifted the body to the mortuary.

The deceased is aged between 35 and 40 years, 5.6 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, oval faced and was wearing black and blue checks full arm shirt and blue jeans pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579 or call Hassan Police Outpost on Ph: 08172-268617.

Obituary

Krishna

Mysuru, Apr. 24- Krishna (60), a resident of Ramanuja Road 2nd Cross, near Agrahara, passed away in the wee hours of today at his residence following a heart attack. He leaves behind his wife Manjula, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

Mohammed Pasha

Mohammed Pasha (65), a resident of Shanthinagar, passed away in the early hours of today, following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, son-in-law Imran Khan and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today after ASAR at the prayer hall in the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle followed by the burial.

S. Subbanna

S. Subbanna (70), proprietor of Liquor Land and Ashirwad Wines and a resident of Siddarthanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Pushpalatha, daughters Shilpa and Smitha, son Sambram and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Mir Habeebulla

Mir Habeebulla (68), Secretary of Masjid-e-Meraj and a resident of Subashnagar, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Burial took place yesterday at the Muslim Burial Grounds in city.

Namera Bollamma

Namera Bollamma (Ranu-Kundranda), wife of late Uthappa, passed away yesterday morning in city. She was 89.

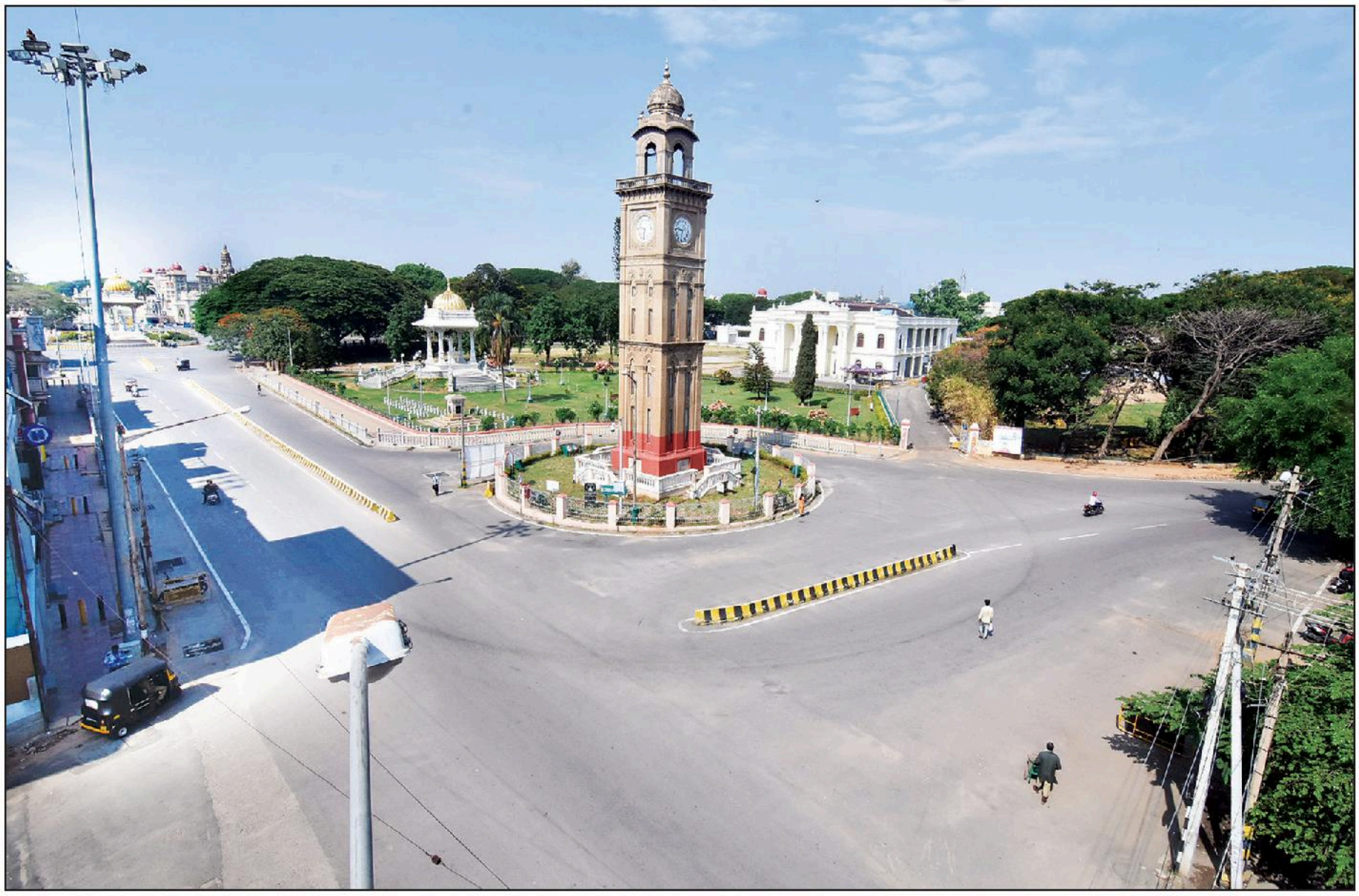
A native of Virajpet in Kodagu, she leaves behind a host of relatives. Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage yesterday.

Parvathamma

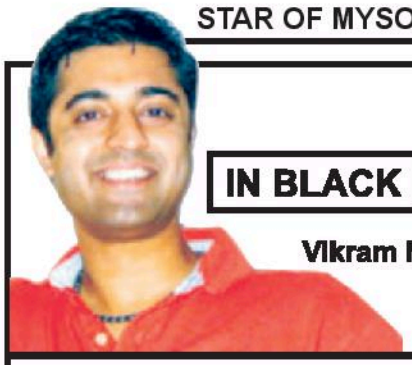
Parvathamma (80), a resident of Vidyaranyapuram 16th Cross, 4th Main, passed away on Thursday in city. She leaves behind sons M. Lingaraju, Secretary of Vagbharati Vidya Samsthe, M. Ravishankar, a Civil Engineer and M. Ramesh, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives.

Last rites were performed at Chikkegowdana Hundi village.

Clocks Tick; City Halts



The usually bustling *Dodda Gadiyara* (Silver Jubilee Clock Tower) opposite Rangacharlu Memorial Town Hall and *Chikka Gadiyara* (Dufferin Clock Tower) near Devaraja Market in Mysuru city, wore a deserted look this morning following a strict weekend curfew enforced to break the COVID chain. In a new record high, India today reported the highest daily surge in the world with 3.46 lakh Coronavirus infections, which takes the country's caseload to 1.66 crore. The country also saw the deadliest day of the pandemic with 2,624 deaths. *[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*



IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Should have listened to DC?

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri addressing a press meet in city on April 8 as City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta looks on. Picture right shows a file photo of busy Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

As COVID cases in Mysuru are on the rise, many of us are asking — Did the State Government make a mistake by striking down Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri's Apr. 8 order? Could they have at least tweaked it and implemented it?

Many may recall that the DC had made RT-PCR negative report mandatory to visit places of tourist interest, convention halls, cinemas, resorts and recreation clubs. But, the Government struck it down, citing "legality."

Later, the DC clarified saying RT-PCR was not mandatory, but an "advisory." This confused people — Do we need RT-PCR or not? Even though the answer was obviously "not", it created a mind-block in people. This meant that only people who really "needed" to be in Mysuru would come. This probably was her intention. But when the Government struck down DC's order, and the DC gave a press statement that "no negative RT-PCR was required " that mind-block went out of the window and they all flocked to the city.

As expected, many officials did not approve of the DC's Apr. 8 order. They said, "DC's orders should never be ambiguous." True, but while one can blame her unconventional "strategy" the order's intent is not to be missed, especially in these challenging times.

It was not just the DC who wanted to create some form of deterrent for tourists and weekend visitors, even the Commissioner of Police Dr. Chandragupta, the Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth and Health Officers were inclined towards creating some form of deterrent so weekend visitors don't pour into the city, infect us and leave.

Also they feared people from rural Mysuru may visit the city during the festival and go back with the virus and spread it in rural areas around Mysuru where health infrastructure is not geared to handle COVID. And now it seems that is exactly what's happened — not only is urban Mysuru infected but also rural areas.

If one recalls, the DC passed that order on Apr. 8, just as *Ugadi* festival (Apr. 13) and a long weekend was approaching. She said we would have this deterrent for just 10 days from Apr. 10 to Apr. 20. She even warned that nearly 5,000 vehicles enter Mysuru everyday and it will only increase in the coming weeks due to a series of holidays. In March itself, 28 people had died in city due to COVID, she warned.

Now, on Apr. 8, the day she tried to put in place a deterrent, Mysuru had 243 cases a day. As of Apr. 22, it was 818 cases and in the last 16 days since she had passed that order and cancelled it, 67 people have died !

What the Government is doing now could have been done two weeks ago. According to sources, when the DC, Police Commissioner, SP and Health Officers suggested closing of tourist centres during festival time for two weeks, the politicians said it would affect livelihoods. Well, they may have saved livelihoods but now we have lost lives.

Politicians too have a tough decision to make — livelihoods or lives? Add to the fact that the Government's own financial health is connected to our livelihood, the Government cannot afford to declare a lockdown. That's is why it should come up with other solutions that will keep the economic activities alive while slowing the spread of virus and preventing the healthcare infrastructure from being overwhelmed. Our DC was trying to do just that.

Instead of striking her order down, they could have deliberated on it and come up with what they came up now — COVID curfew — two weeks ago. If they had done that, even Bengaluru would not have descended into COVID chaos like it has now.

This morning it was reported that Bengaluru had its highest one-day COVID death count while Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at a meeting with Health Officials on Friday, remarked that the situation was "out of control." No wonder that the Karnataka Government is now trying to get Private Hospitals with more than 30 beds to handover 80 percent of their beds to the Government for COVID-19 patients. Then what happens to the non-COVID patients in these hospitals that may need ICU? Guess what? They're coming to Mysuru along with COVID patients.

In the past week, numerous COVID patients from Bengaluru have moved to Mysuru. Our district has 3,106 hospital beds which includes 122 High-Flow Nasal Oxygen (HFNO) beds, 936 Oxygenated beds, 129 Ventilator beds and 176 ICU beds. Out of Actual 3,106 beds, 1,597 beds are allocated for COVID patients, which means we have 62 HFNO beds, 453 Oxygenated beds, 58 Ventilator beds, 94 ICU beds and 930 Normal beds exclusively for COVID patients.

As of yesterday, 50 HFNO beds, 453 Oxygenated beds, 46 Ventilator beds, 68 ICU beds and 844 normal beds are available for COVID patients. This set up is for Mysureans. But now, patients from Bengaluru, Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar are all coming to Mysuru, what will we Mysureans do?

By the way, we are already hearing that there are no beds in Mysuru, but that is because most people want beds in specific Hospitals and in specific Private Hospitals. That is why we hear the complaints. As of now, as per Government officials and Private Hospitals there are beds available, but they are not sure how soon they will fill up as cases in Mysuru are increasing and patients from Bengaluru and other neighbouring districts are coming to the city.

As cases surge, the Government must realise they need to trust the DCs and Police Officials when they give their feedback. The Government while striking down Rohini Sindhuri's order, even though it may have been not legit, should have considered the fact that she has not only been holding meetings with Government doctors and Hospitals regularly but also with Private Hospitals, doctors and senior Police Officers, so there is ground report in play, and she is acting on that information.

The Government must realise Mysuru DC is responsible for protecting Mysuru and Mysureans, which is what she was doing. And while striking down her orders, the Government should have realised her intent — creating a deterrent. If only they had created such a deterrent in Bengaluru two weeks ago, we wouldn't see the disturbing numbers we see today.

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Plans to deploy extra staff at labs to give RT-PCR test result quickly: Nodal Officer

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (SSV)- The District Administration is planning to deploy additional staff at two RT-PCR testing laboratories in city to issue report within a day.

"The swab collection has reached almost 8,000 a day. The capacity of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) laboratory was around 4,000 samples. Similarly, the daily capacity of CFTRI laboratory is 1,500 samples But the MMC&RI laboratory staff has stretched the sample testing up to 6,000 by working day and night," informed Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, District Tuberculosis Officer and Nodal Officer for RT-PCR testing and reporting in the district.

He told *SOM* that the threat of COVID-19 second wave has made people to come in large hoards to testing centres in city. Naturally, the swab collection has reached 8,000 mark as against around 4,000 last month. As two to three lab technicians have taken ill, there has been a backlog of two days which will be cleared by tomorrow, he said.

Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri has convened a meeting this evening to discuss this issue. Additional technicians will be hired for both laboratories to give results as early as possible. A decision to this effect is likely to be taken in today's meeting, he added.

Dr. Shiraz clarified that those who test Corona positive are informed through COVID War Room within 24 hours. But, in case of negative report, it was taking two days. In case any person tests positive, information is first uploaded to various Government web portals including ICMR, and information is then passed on to patient through the War Room. Now, it was taking around 30-35 hours to give test results due to additional burden and that will be addressed soon. If this trend continues, it may not be surprising if the swab collection reaches 10,000 daily in coming days due to spurt in Corona positive cases, he observed.

Glitches in reports

He said difference in test reports depends upon the quality of swab collected from patients. Health Department volunteers working in RT-PCR Government testing sites were specially trained on the collection of swab from the mouth and nose. With no human interference, testing was done by the machinery which gives result as positive or negative. However, there may be errors in test report given by the Government and Private laboratories due to the way in which swab had been collected from patients. In case of doubt, any person can get a test done from other testing site free of cost. In fact, MMC&RI lab has been adjudged as the best lab by ICMR, he added.

Barricades Back in City

(Continued from page 1)

"This time, we have not issued any passes. Our personnel are on the streets and we will allow only essential and emergency travel," said a Police officer. The entire Police machinery including Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and M.S. Geetha Prasanna, ACPs and Inspectors were monitoring the city.

Their job, however, was made easy by people, who voluntarily stayed at homes. Criss-cross barriers were laid on the main thoroughfares so that motorists could be questioned on their movements. While the Police were not questioning each and every motorist, people moving suspiciously and those who looked casual were being stopped and questioned.

Confusion created at hotels

Confusion prevailed in front of hotels and restaurants this morning as announcements were made for them to close. While the Government order said that hotels are allowed to supply parcels with no dine-ins, a few Police teams mistook it for a total shutdown during weekend curfew and asked the hotels to down the shutters. Their enthusiasm to close the hotels resulted in verbal spats between Police teams and hotel owners in many localities. Later it was clarified from the Commissioner that takeaways are allowed.

Daily wagers affected

Hundreds of daily wagers concentrating at Nanjumalige Circle, Agrahara Circle, Manandavadi Road, Hebbal Surya Bakery, Andani Circle at Vidyaranyapuram and surrounding areas were affected as hotels and *darshinis* limited themselves only for parcel services.

On usual days they just enter these hotels and *darshinis* to have a grub and as dine-ins were not allowed today, they were forced to take parcels and eat by the road side. They had no work to do either after eating and many preferred to sleep by the side of closed shop shutters.

Markets closed

Along with the shops selling essential items that closed at 10 am, all the markets including Devaraja Market, Mandi Market and Vani Vilas Market closed before 10 am. There are 1,075 outlets at Devaraja Market including tenants and daily vendors. Similarly, there are 153 outlets at Mandi Market and 150 at Vani Vilas Market.

Police entered individual gates of all markets at 9.30 am and had asked all vendors to shut shop. There were hardly any people in the markets and it was easy for the vendors to vacate and close the main gates.

No construction activities

The State Government has decided to impose a ban on all construction activities during the weekends. With this, Karnataka has virtually decided to impose lockdown during the weekends without using the terminology in its order.

Odd-even rule at Devaraja, Mandi and Vani Vilas Markets

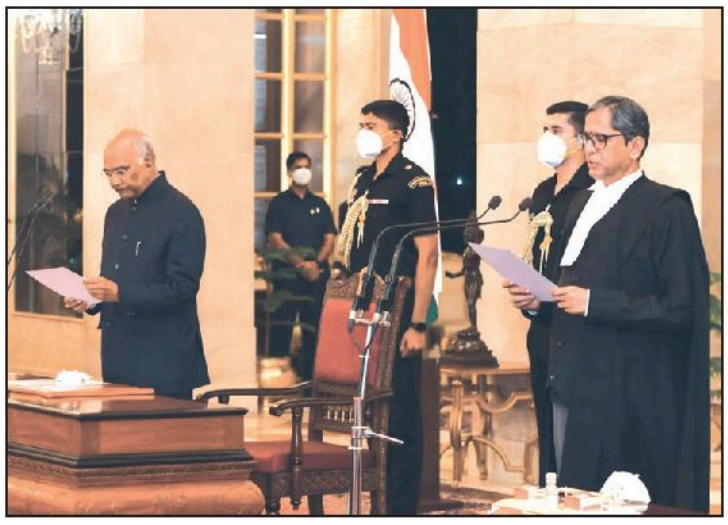
Mysuru, Apr. 24 (PM&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation has implemented odd-even rules in all wholesale markets in the city, under which traders will sell fruits, vegetables and other essentials on alternate days. The timing has been fixed from 6 am to 5 pm.

The odd-even rule has been passed on Apr. 23 (yesterday) and will be in force till May 4 and depending on the Government decisions, a further call will be taken. However, the rule will not apply to weekend curfew (Saturday and Sunday) and will be in force from Monday till Friday.

According to the odd-even rule, sheds or outlets under which hundreds of traders sell vegetables will be allowed to operate according to their numbers. Under the system, odd- and even-numbered shops in the Devaraja Market, Mandi Market and Vani Vilas Market are opened alternate days.

From Monday, April 26, shops numbering 1,3,5,7,9... will open, and the next day, April 27, shops numbering 2,4,6,8,10... will be open. The order on congested markets was issued on the basis of recommendations received from the Government to contain the spread of infection. It was constituted in the wake of a sharp increase in COVID-19 cases in the last one month and reports of violation of social distancing norms in congested markets.

Justice N.V. Ramana takes oath as 48th Chief Justice of India



New Delhi, Apr. 24 (UNI) - Justice N.V. Ramana was today sworn- in as the 48th Chief Justice of India (CJI). He was administered the oath by President Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, here.

He took over from former CJI S.A. Bobde whose term ended on Friday.

Born in an agricultural family on Aug. 27, 1957 in Ponnavaram village, Krishna District in Andhra Pradesh, CJI Ramana was elevated as the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court in Sept. 2013 and further elevated as a Supreme Court Judge in Feb. 2014.

Justice Ramana got enrolled as an Advocate on Feb. 10, 1983. He has practiced in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Central and Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunals and the Supreme Court of India in Civil, Criminal, Constitutional, Labour, Service and Election matters.

He has specialised in Constitutional, Criminal, Service and Inter-State River laws and also functioned as Panel Counsel for various Government Organisations including Additional Standing Counsel for Central Government and Standing Counsel for Railways in the Central Administrative Tribunal at Hyderabad.

He was appointed as a permanent Judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court in June 2000 and functioned as Acting Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court from Mar. 10, 2013 to May 20, 2013. He has participated in several National and International Conferences held in India and abroad and submitted papers on various topics of legal importance. He has also served as Additional Advocate General of Andhra Pradesh.

Notably, Justice Ramana has authored 156 judgments as a Supreme Court Judge in the past 7 years.

Hostels to double up as COVID Care Centres?

Students leave for homes from University hostels; struggle to find buses

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (MTY&BCT)- The University of Mysore has asked students staying at various hostels under its jurisdiction to vacate as the institution is formally closed till May 15. The academic centre will open only after fresh guidelines are issued by the Government.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the District Administration and the Mysuru City Corporation were planning to convert hostels as COVID Care Centres in case there is an explosion in Coronavirus positive cases. The University authorities have already been informed to be ready with hostel rooms at their disposal in case there is a requirement.

It may be mentioned here that last year too, the administration had reserved and sanitised many hostel barracks to set up the Care Centres, but many of them were not used as the numbers subsided after November. Now since the COVID graph is rising, the need for establishing Care Centres has risen.

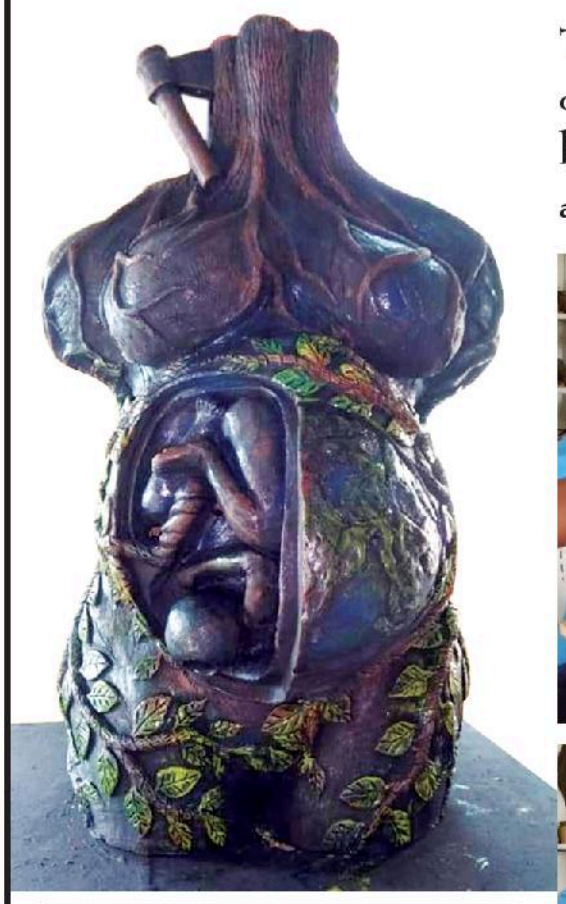
Meanwhile, many students who have been asked to vacate the hostels were left stranded on the roads this morning. They were seen walking to the bus stands with their heavy bags. Even at the bus stands only limited buses were available to take them to their hometowns.

While there were some inter-State buses, the KSRTC had only 50 buses that were ready to travel from the Sub-Urban Bus Stand to various destinations including Bengaluru. Students were seen crowding the enquiry counters seeking information on the number of buses and their timings.

Many students preferred connecting bus service to destinations as direct route buses were not available.

INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE DAY

CAVA students sculpting their way



Today is International Sculpture Day. It is a worldwide annual celebration of sculpture on the last Saturday of April every year. It was established by the International Sculpture Centre and is meant to raise awareness, appreciation and enjoyment of sculpture in communities across the globe.

Budding sculptor Y.S. Chetan Kumar of CAVA at work.

By R. Amanda Fernandez

Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA), Mysuru, is creating proficient art students. Anyone with a passion for art and an untamed imagination is welcome here to pursue their varied courses.

The institute offers a wide range of visual art courses — Painting, Sculpture, Graphic Designing, Applied Arts, Photo Journalism and so on. While all the Departments are dedicated to moulding young artistic minds, one such Department has been quite figuratively adhering to shaping and sculpting amateur minds with chisel and hammer!

The Sculpture Department at CAVA has been catering and is devoted to the needs of students interested in carving and sculpting. It constantly encourages students by nurturing their imagination and providing guidance when required.

CLAY SCULPTING

Clay sculpting is the fundamental of sculpting, which is the first medium students experiment with, because of its plasticity which makes room for rectifying errors. The students later on move to other complex mediums like stone, cement, metal, terracotta, bronze etc. The sculpture students are always on the lookout to get their hands on something unexplored and also try to address social issues through their work.

One such student is **Y.S. Chetan Kumar,** a 3rd year sculpture student and 2020 Karnataka Shilpkala Academy Awardee, who took to sculpting to address the increasing deforestation. **His terracotta sculpture beautifully personifies 'Earth' as a female and the 'foetus' as the mineral resources the Earth holds in her womb. His message through this sculpture — Man not only scrounges the surface of the Earth but also exploits it from the inside out and man's greed will eventually lead to the destruction of this planet and mankind.**

The Institute also hosts various sculpture workshops, inviting students from all over India to engage in the alluring craft of sculpting.

A recent endeavour was the National Contemporary Sculpture Workshop in the month of February 2021, which witnessed the presence of many talented sculptors from Mumbai, Jaipur and Kerala, including sculpture students from CAVA.

Karnataka Shilpakala Academy Chairman and sculpture faculty at CAVA Veeranna Manappa Arkasali, said, "What makes CAVA unique from other art institutes is the freedom we give to the students. We do not constrain them to work with the prescribed sculpture mediums. If one wants to experiment with a new medium, he is free to do so. We try and maintain a very friendly environment with the students. We not only guide them but learn with them. If a student has taken sculpture as a specialisation and shows interest in other fields like photography etc., he is free to indulge himself in other Department projects too; we do not restrict them in any way when it comes to art."

Veeranna Manappa

Apart from the varied courses and unique teaching process, the reason CAVA students enjoy attending college is the stipend the college offers to students with full attendance, an amount of Rs. 500 per month, which tends to encourage students to not bunk classes.

Graduates from CAVA are ready to setup their independent workplaces, most of them are self-employed and do not have to go in search of jobs, which is an added advantage in the art field.

The pandemic has been a setback for all art students. Art being a practical subject, online classes are not fruitful. It is all the more worrisome for the sculpture students, as they claim to miss muddy attires and instrument-clad hands, which are customary acts of artistry and pride among sculpture students.

Veeranna Manappa's artwork.

MUDA, Pvt. Hospitals to set up
500 oxygenated beds by next week

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev addressing a meeting of Private Hospital doctors at MUDA auditorium yesterday as MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh and other doctors look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (YDS&SSV)- With demand for oxygenated beds increasing due to spike in Corona positive cases, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and Private Hospitals have resolved to add another 500 oxygenated beds in three hospitals in next two to three days.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, who chaired a meeting here yesterday, said he held discussions with leading doctors of Private Hospitals like Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar, Dr. H.V. Santhrupth, Dr. Vijay and Dr. Prasannakumar to do something in the wake of sudden increase in Corona positive cases and the shortage of oxygenated beds. Co-operation and District-in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar wanted the MUDA to get into action to extend help during COVID crisis. In the wake of this, we have decided to add 500 oxygenated beds in three hospitals for the sake of needy patients, he said.

Continuing, Rajeev said Corona patients, who were under home isolation, have spread the virus to other family members. A majority of the patients required oxygen. Keeping this in mind, Dr. Chandrashekar of Cauvery Hospital has agreed to set up 200 oxygenated beds at Seth Mohandas Tulasidas Hospital on JLB Road in two or three days. From the MUDA side, 150 oxygenated beds each will be set up in COVID Care Centre at Mandakalli and Ayurveda Hospital by next week.

Last year, we had made separate arrangements at Vikram Hospital in Yadavagiri for the treatment of Corona warriors. However, it was shut after the positive cases reduced. But with the beginning of COVID-19 second wave, it will be re-opened to treat the needy patients. It will be run by Private Hospital Management, he said.

Rajeev said the Minister will be requested to arrange for special training to Paramedical, Ayurveda and Nursing students so that their services could be used during emergency as Corona warriors. Such persons could be given grace marks and special incentives, he opined.

Vaccination, RT-PCR testing will go on during weekend curfew: DC

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (SSV)- Vaccination and RT-PCR testing will go as usual in all Centres in city as well in Taluks on Saturdays and Sundays being declared as weekend curfew to check spiralling Corona positive cases in the State, said Deputy Commissioner **Rohini Sindhuri**. She issued this direction after holding a meeting of officers of various Departments here yesterday.

The DC clarified that there will be no restrictions on health-related activities during curfew. The vaccination coverage was just 44 percent in Mysuru city and in order to improve inoculation they must set a target of 300 vaccination per centre. The guidelines in weekend curfew has allowed patients and their attendants to go to nearest vaccination centre to take the jab, she added.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Additional DC Dr. B.S. Manjunatha Swamy, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute Dean & Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj and District Surveillance Officer Dr. Shivaprasad were present.

Events at Kodava Samajas must follow COVID-19 protocols

Madikeri, Apr. 24- With a sudden surge in the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic, those organising marriages and other functions at Kodava Samajas across the district have been asked to strictly follow COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.

In a press release, President of the Federation of Kodava Samajas, Kallichanda Vishnu Cariappa, who is also the President of Kutta Kodava Samaja, said that the number of people attending any function taking place at Kodava Samajas should not exceed the number stipulated by the Government.

Also it is mandatory for the organisers to produce prior permission letter from local authorities and the Police. Pointing out that the organisers of the function will alone be held responsible for any violation of COVID-19 protocols, Vishnu Cariappa said that it is very important to follow SOPs issued by the Government to control the spread of the virus, which has caused havoc across the country.

He further said that people should voluntarily follow precautionary and safety measures such as wearing of face mask, following of physical distancing and maintenance of hand hygiene, among others.

Panic buying: Groceries, food items fly off the shelves

Traffic jams at Santhepet and surrounding areas as people crowd shops

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (MTY&BCT)- With just hours left (from last evening) for the first weekend curfew of 2021 to begin, an unusually high crowd was witnessed 'panic buying' at shops, supermarkets, markets and other areas that predominantly sell essential items yesterday.

Customers could be seen flocking to various shops without maintaining enough distance from each other and the possibility of social distancing came to nought with no separate markings made to maintain distance in the shops.

People started hoarding ration and the city's roads, especially in Santhepet and surrounding lanes witnessed traffic snarls. People were busy purchasing liquor, tobacco, grocery and vegetables. Similar scenes were witnessed at Devaraja Market, M.G. Road Market and Agrahara. People were purchasing in bulk as they feared that the curfew might continue further.

The rush continued even after 8 pm too and shops remained open as there were customers. Shop-keepers said people were purchasing groceries in bulk and the demand has suddenly increased. The Police had a tough time in closing the shops ahead of the 9 pm deadline.

While most items have gone out of stock in smaller shops, managers in bigger supermarkets said that the situation is not grim as they have enough stocks and ensured supply. Daily essentials such as rice, pulses and basic spices have been flying off market shelves and the quantities which people have been purchasing have been higher than usual, according to the store-keepers.

Grocery store merchants at Santhepet said that customers who would otherwise ask for 5 kilos of rice a week have been asking for at least 10 kilos. There is a huge demand for food items now. Provisions in particular, are being brought in large quantities. Other items such as cosmetics are hardly being purchased, said the manager of a supermarket in city.

Many parts of the city witnessed unusual heavy traffic from as people rushed home before the night and weekend curfew that began at 9 pm. All the shops, hotels, roadside eateries, commercial establishments in the heart of the city and in residential extension areas closed while petrol outlets remained open.

At many private offices and establishments, workers, who have to travel for over an hour to reach their houses, were allowed to start earlier. Since vehicle movement was high, many arterial roads and junctions witnessed traffic congestions. Added to this was the loudspeaker announcement made by the Police in vehicles where people were told to strictly follow the timings.

The Police were also informing shoppers not to go for panic buying as a four-hour window for shopping was open from 6 am to 10 am on Saturday (today) and Sunday. Check-posts were set up besides night patrol teams for checking vehicle movements. Police personnel have been deployed as part of checks for night and weekend curfew and persons moving with valid reasons were not stopped.

WORD OF THE DAY

Adulate

Pronunciation: AJ-uh-layt.
Meaning: To praise effusively and slavishly : flatter excessively : fawn upon; to pay homage to without exercising a critical sense of values; to admire or be devoted to abjectly and excessively.
Origin: Man's best friend is often thought of in admiring terms as faithful and true, but there are also people who more clearly perceive the fawning and cringing aspect of doggishness. When the Romans used the Latin verb adūlārī to mean "to fawn on," they equated it with the behaviour of a dog toward its master. The noun adulation—meaning "exhibition of excessive fondness" (similar in meaning but not etymologically related to adoration)—was first to develop in English, settling into the language in the 15th century. The adjective adulatory followed in the late 16th century (an adulatory speech, for example, is an excessively flattering one), and the verb adulate was being called into service by the early 17th century.
Example: A portrait of the family patriarch, a man adulated by the public but generally feared by his family, hung above the mantle...

THE ODD WORD

Abigail
A lady's maid.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

All bark and no bite

Meaning: A person who is full of talk, but behind that talking there is little or no action.
Origin: The origin of this phrase likely comes from a dog's behaviour, how they oftentimes will bark, but not follow it up with any action (like biting, for example). Thus, as the saying goes, the dog is all bark and no bite.
Dogs bark for multiple reasons, one of which is when they see someone they do not recognize. They might bark at the person, giving an appearance that they will do something more aggressive, but they usually don't. Indeed, no further action is taken by the dog; it's just making a lot of noise. This concept is thus applied to people who act in a similar way—they talk about doing something (making a lot of noise like a dog would), but they end up doing nothing.
Anyway, there appears to be a slightly older saying (or at least, it appears in print at an earlier date than this one) that goes 'his bark is worse than his bite.' The earliest I could find this particular expression in print is from The Colonial Times newspaper, November 1829: "Still, 'his bark is waur than his bite.'"

QUOTE BOX

I used to love dogs until I discovered cats. — **Nafisa Joseph**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Small talk.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 A curved point, like a fish-hook
5 Peep; peer
9 Prohibit or disallow
12 Famous cookie
13 Sin City star Jessica ____
14 Genetic letters
15 Egg-shaped
16 Ill-defined
18 A grocery store - "God Abe" anagram?
20 French composer ___ Satie
21 Ran quickly
23 Great Barrier is one
26 Objected to, obstructed
29 Martial art
30 International Labour Organization, acronym?
31 Heathen
33 Highest mountain in Crete
34 Navigates the web
36 Timeless
38 Italian noble family
39 Tropical fibre
40 Large mice
42 Of the highest degree
46 An athletic contest in skiing and shooting
49 Norway's capital
50 Wield vigorously
51 Prefix for wine
52 Russian emperor
53 Satellite Landing Sys.
54 Purposes, employs
55 Takes nourishment

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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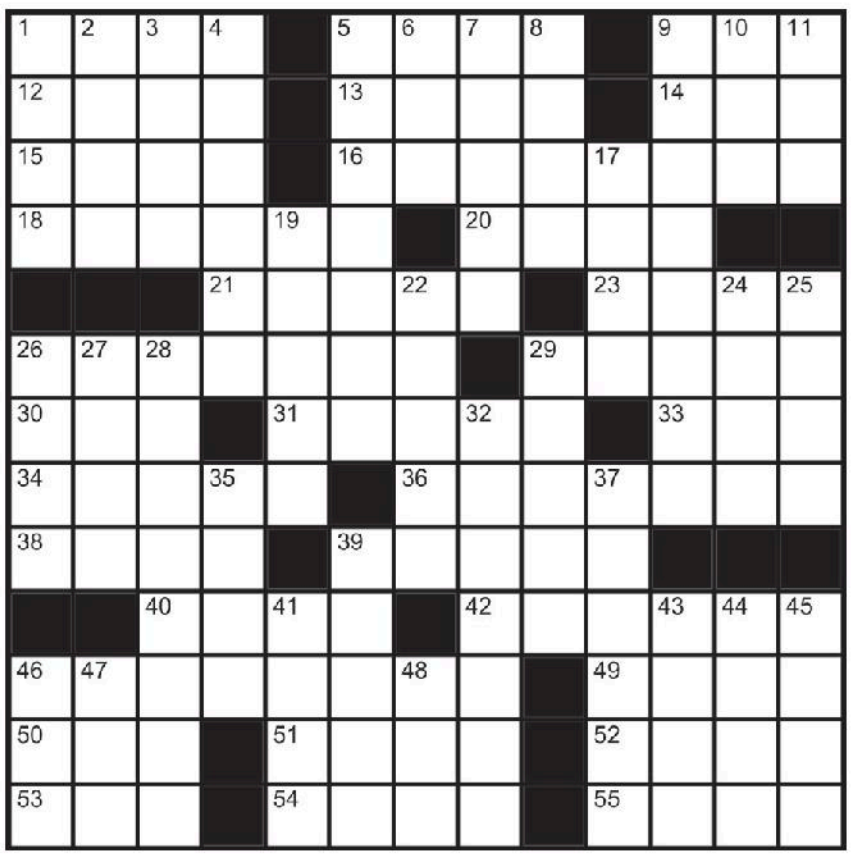
DOWN
1 Make a mistake!
2 Afternoon for the Aussie
3 To pronounce aloud
4 Short Spanish jacket
5 Universal remedy?
6 Estimated life expectancy
7 Flowed away
8 Mandatory last name for a Sikh lady
9 Tamed (of a horse) (6,2)
10 Music director Malik
11 Natl. Acad. of Sciences
17 Former Italian coin
19 Catches breath, strains for air
22 Advantages
24 Scandinavian books
25 Young of horse or related animal
26 French river
27 Symbol for addition
28 Depicts
29 Bent one's knees in supplication
32 Brings into harmony
35 Great deed
37 Far away
39 Man and Capri?
41 You in old English
43 Greek peak
44 Blinds crosspiece
45 Rocky hill-tops
46 Bits Per Second, abbr.
47 In need of a doctor?
48 A single unit



SUDOKO

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Answer to previous puzzle

8	9	4	1	6	2	3	7	5
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1	2	5	6	3	9	7	8	4
7	3	1	9	5	4	6	2	8
5	8	9	2	1	6	4	3	7
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RA EFG'JV ODFCVZ UIV VHHW, EFG

WIFGML XNCV UIV FXVMVUUV.

TODAY'S CLUE: G EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Giving is better than receiving because giving starts the receiving process.

K.L. Rahul stars as Punjab Kings stun Mumbai Indians by 9 wickets

Chennai, Apr. 24- Skipper K.L. Rahul's solid half-century and a disciplined bowling effort helped Punjab Kings tame Mumbai Indians by nine wickets and snap their three-match losing streak in the IPL Match-17, at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Friday.

The bowlers, led by Ravi Bishnoi (2/21 in 4) and Mohammad Shami (2/21 in 4), limited Mumbai Indians to 131 for six despite a fine half-century by Rohit Sharma (63 off 52) on a sticky surface. Though Mumbai are known to defend low totals, Punjab were clinical in the run chase and got the job done in 17.4 overs.

Openers Rahul (60 not out off 52) and Mayank Agarwal (25 off 20) shared a 53-run stand before the skipper got support from Chris Gayle (43 not out off 35).

The win was Punjab's second in five games while Mumbai suffered their third loss in five matches. Mumbai were able to claw their way back into the game after Agarwal's dismissal but a flying start allowed Rahul and Gayle to take their time in the middle overs before romping home.

The duo shared an unbeaten 79-run partnership. Rahul began by hitting Krunal Pandya for a couple of boundaries and played the anchor's role to perfection.

Gayle's knock, comprising five fours and two sixes, was equally important in the context of the run chase. Rahul fittingly finished the game with a straight six and a four towards third man off Trent Boult.

Earlier, Mumbai struggled to 21 for one in the first six overs, the lowest powerplay score this season after being put in to bat.

A 79-run stand between Rohit and Suryakumar Yadav (33 off 27) steadied the ship for the five-time champions but they could not find the final flourish, managing only 34 runs in the last five overs for the loss of four wickets.

As has been the case so far at Chepauk, batsmen found it extremely difficult to get going early in the innings on a slow pitch. Quinton de Kock perished as early as the second over after he mistimed one off spinner Deepak Hooda to be caught at mid-on. Ishan Kishan (6 off 17) came ahead of Suryakumar at number three but the southpaw struggled once again before being caught behind in Bishnoi's first over, making it 26 for two in seven overs.

Rohit, at the other end, managed to keep the scoreboard ticking. Left-arm spinner Fabian Allen bowled a high full toss to Rohit in the 10th over and he duly dispatched it over the cow corner for a six to release some pressure.

After Suryakumar joined Rohit in the middle, batting suddenly started looking much easier. A well-set Rohit started playing the ball late and was good with finding the gaps. Suryakumar, at the other end, got into the groove with a four and six off left-arm pacer Arshdeep.

Their partnership ended after Suryakumar failed to execute a reverse sweep to be caught at short third man off Bishnoi's bowling, leaving Mumbai at 105 for three with 23 balls left in the innings.

Some much-needed lusty blows were expected from the likes of Hardik Pandya and Kieron Pollard in the death overs but Punjab were able to keep them quiet.

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Man City Manager Guardiola applauds RCB's unbeaten run, promises to master cricket rules

New Delhi, Apr. 24 (UNI)- Applauding Royal Challengers Bangalore's (RCB) unbeaten run in the ongoing IPL 2021, Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola has hailed skipper Virat Kohli and his side's efforts and feels the time has come for him to also learn more about cricket and its rules.

Riding on Devdutt Padikkal's 101* and Virat Kohli's 72*, Royal Challengers Bangalore thrashed Rajasthan Royals by 10 wickets, registering their fourth consecutive win in the ongoing 14th edition of IPL at the Wankhede Stadium on Thursday.

Considered as one of the greatest Managers of all time, Guardiola, after RCB's win over the Rajasthan Royals, posted a photo of himself holding an RCB jersey on Instagram.

'It's time to finally learn cricket's rules. Thanks to my friend @virat.kohli for the shirt. Now is your turn to use your Man City shirt @pumaindia @pumafootball #PUMAxRCB,' Guardiola wrote on Instagram along with the picture.

Jofra Archer to miss entire IPL 2021

London, Apr. 24 (UNI)- England and Rajasthan Royals pacer Jofra Archer will miss the entire IPL 2021, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced on Friday.

The 26-year-old Archer underwent surgery on his middle finger and only just returned to bowling this week with higher intensity, and the ECB and Sussex medical teams will continue to monitor his progress.

"Archer will now step up his training regime starting next week and will be in full training with Sussex. It is expected that he will return to cricket in the next fortnight if he can continue to bowl and prepare pain-free," the ECB said in a statement.

"The ECB will confirm which matches he is expected to play in due course," it added.

It will come as a huge blow for Jofra's IPL franchise RR, who were desperately hoping that he would be available at least during the back-end of the tournament.

The ace pacer had a stellar last season, picking 20 wickets in 14 games, with an economy of 6.55 and having had scored 113 runs.

If Archer was to come to the IPL, he would've had to serve a mandatory seven-day quarantine period that would interrupt his preparation and bowling build-up, not ideal in his return to competition.

Both the Royals and Archer came to the decision mutually.

Djokovic enters Serbia open semi-finals

Belgrade, Apr. 24 (UNI)- Novak Djokovic qualified for the semi-finals of the Serbia Open on Friday by eliminating his compatriot Miomir Kecmanovic 6-1, 6-3.

The world's top-ranked tennis player easily overcame Kecmanovic to approach a step further towards lifting the trophy in his hometown of Belgrade.

Mateo Berrettini also qualified for the semi-finals by beating Filip Krajinovic 6-4, 6-4.

The Serbia Open was reinstated this year after an 8-year-long break.

The prize money for the ATP 250 tournament played at the Tennis centre Novak in Belgrade until April 25 is 650,000 EUR (Rs. 5,91,45,760.28).

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